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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 8418
Masato YAMAMICHI et al. : Docket No.2001_1845A
Serial No. 10/020,308 : Group Art Unit 2131
Filed December 18, 2001 :

CRYPTOCOMMUNICATION SYSTEM,
TRANSMISSION APPARATUS,
AND RECEPTION APPARATUS

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, kindly ~~amend~~ the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please ~~replace~~ the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A1 The decryption function unit 2022 receives the encrypted connected information $E(F(m, R_a), K_p, r)$ from the receiving unit 201, and reads out the decryption key K_s from the decryption key storage 2021.
